

COUNTY OFFICES IN HANDS ON MONDAY MORNING

Who Go Out and Those
Who Enter the Court
House.

Administration Makes Com-
plete Change.

FISCAL COURT IS MADE OVER.

McCracken county will pass into the control of the new county administration Monday morning, and the majority of the present county officials will become private citizens. All is ready for the change and there will be but little friction in the change. Nearly all the newly elected officers have taken the oath of office and are waiting patiently for the first Monday in January to take charge of their offices as prescribed by the Kentucky statutes.

Many new faces will be in the new administration, but all of the countenances are familiar to the people. For the reception of the new guests the court house has been repainted and repainted, and all made as neat as a palace for the choice of the people to enter upon their duties next week. Of course, there will be some delay in getting the work started, for there will be new officers, new deputies, and the greetings of friends and it is just as true of an administration as of a piece of machinery, that it takes some time to get the bearings smooth and prepare for steady work. However, all new officials have been nosing around getting into the hang of things, and the change will be made with little confusion or friction.

After serving two terms, County Judge R. T. Lightfoot will retire to his private practice of law. He says he will be glad to lay aside the judicial robe, especially the improvement of the roads and bridges was his hobby. In a report issued this week the mileage and illustrations of the improvements are shown.

New County Judge.
With the incoming administration, Alben W. Barkley, now county attorney, will step in as county judge, and by his experience is well qualified for the position. As county attorney he has been thrown with the business of the county for four years. Mr. Barkley has been a resident of Paducah several years, starting in as a court reporter, and after being admitted to practice law was elected county attorney. He was nominated without opposition by the Democrats for county judge, and, although, in the recent election had the hottest fight, he was victor by a majority of 500.

The Schools.
County School Superintendent W. A. Middleton, who is filling out the unexpired term of S. J. Hinton, will devote his whole attention to the practice of law. He is a former school teacher. He will be succeeded by L. W. Fessler, who has been a school teacher for a number of years, and owing to his close connection with the county schools will begin his duties with little delay.

J. Wes Troutman will retire as county assessor and will devote his attention to the grocery business. Mr. Troutman has served one term and he was not eligible to re-election, and has made a faithful official. His successor will be George Allen, of the county, who has been deputy assessor for several years, and knows the duties of the office from experience.

County Clerk.
Eli G. Boone will retire as county clerk, after serving about ten months. He was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Hiram Smedley. Mr. Boone has had experience in public offices in the city, and has performed his duty with credit. He has a large insurance agency, and will devote his whole attention to it. Miss Lizzie Edrington, who has been chief deputy county clerk, will retire, and will take a well earned rest. She has served in the office for eight years, and is familiar with every detail.

Col. Gus G. Singleton, known to everybody in the county, will assume charge of the county court clerk's office. He promises to greet everybody with a smile and handshake. It is impossible for Colonel Singleton to be any part of the county, being recognized. He is a resident of Paducah for years, and much of the time a traveling salesman. His estate will be handled by Herman Katter.

Dead or Telephone for

Atlantic Prison Horror Grows as New Tortures and Brutality Are Brought to Light by the Inspection

One Girl Hung to Wall Thirty
Minutes After Fainted in
Convulsion—Negroes Are
Whipped to Death.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—Further stories of inhuman cruelty to prisoners convicted of misdemeanors were told to the council committee which is investigating the charges made against the management of the city prison or stockade. Major Madox was an interested listener at the morning session.

Henshel Ivy, a former guard at the stockade, who resigned because of conditions and who had kept a diary of things that happened while he was there, was a valuable witness. He swore that Mose Johnson, a negro, told Superintendent Vining that he was too ill to work. Vining ordered him whipped. After the whipping the negro collapsed, was sent to a hospital where he died a week later.

He saw the young white girl, Ruby Gaither, chained to the wall by her hands and feet. She fainted, and she did not know how long she was left hanging after she fainted. Ivy supplied the information. He said she was left there unconscious for 30 minutes. He held up her limp body while Vining removed the shackles and said she went into convulsions and frothed at the mouth.

Fed From Filth.
The white women, he declared, were fed from scraps picked up from the floor of the men's mess hall. The floor is of dirt and witnesses swore that there was filth a foot thick on it, the starch from which was unbearable.

Ivy said that there were a hundred huns kept at the prison and that the eggs were gathered each day by Commissioners of Public Works Collier, who took them away with him. A man said by the defense to be a witness to whip prisoners, was shown. Members of the grand jury and witnesses said it was not the one they saw, but that the real one was studied with rivets. The officials admitted that and offered to produce the strap later.

Officers Got Whisky.
Ivy, after a luncheon recess, swore that twelve quarts of whisky at a time were sent to the stockade, addressed to T. D. Shaw, a policeman, who was in the room in full uniform. It was distributed to the guards and employees. He swore further that a guard and five prisoners were put to work picking beans for the daughter of Jacob Peltier, 57 Broad street, who was ill with fever.

Some Things That Happened in 1909

January.

1. Middle in city affairs results in two house inspectors, two city treasurers and two city physicians trying to serve at once.

2. New city council holds first session Fannie Metcalfe drowned in Ohio river at Jopka, Ill.

3. Criminal term of McCracken circuit court convenes.

4. Paducah Basketball league organized.

5. Soaman Clark indicted by grand jury for murder of Vernon Davis, 7 years old; cold wave on.

6. Vill Hornsby sentenced to 20 years in pen for criminal assault; death sentence imposed on George Freeman, colored, for murder of Babe Cobb.

7. W. Barnes, of Cairo, a suicide, and dead in box car near Union.

8. Mischievous boys set fire to house on West Broadway.

9. Election of George Walters as city treasurer, defeated by Circuit Judge Leach; Obie Wheeler dies.

10. H. Cardin dies en route to federal court against night riders; three and one-half inches of snow fell.

11. Joas Smith, colored, sentenced to hang for murder of father; basketball league opens.

12. Billie fire man in business district at Murray; Soaman Clark acquitted of murder; Beatie Gleaves dies.

13. Hoof set up by merchants over high taxes.

14. Mrs. Smedley indicted for embezzlement of public funds; Judge Rucker, of Louisville, sues night riders; George Freeman and Jonas Smith murderers sentenced to hang on February 26.

15. Sunday school union rally at B. M. E. church.

16. Mrs. Gleaves amends petition for divorce from Smedley for embezzlement.



COUNTY JUDGE-ELECT A. W. BARKLEY.

of Commissioner of Public Works Collier.

After hearing two witnesses who had served terms at the stockade, and who told stories similar to those heard before, the meeting was adjourned until New Year's day.

HOUSEKEEPERS WANTED BY THREE

CHARITY CLUB HAS APPLICANTS
IN ITS EMPLOYMENT
BUREAU.

Three women, who desire good homes, may procure them by applying to the Charity club, 214 South Seventh street. Three applications have been received from men who desire competent housekeepers to look after their households and care for young children. No doubt, there will be plenty of women ready to accept the homes and perform the duties. An employment agency is conducted in connection with the club, and the service is rendered without cost. Many poor people are out of employment, and are willing to work, but have failed to find employment. Any firm or factory that desires employees may notify the Charity club, and the places will be filled.

Marguerite, the little daughter of Jacob Peltier, 57 Broad street, is ill with fever.

CITY BEGINS NEW YEAR WITH MONEY IN THE TREASURY

Two Public Projects That
Probably Will be Put
Through.

Island Creek Bridge and Fire
Station.

THE TENTH STREET BOULEVARD

For the first time in years the city of Paducah began a new year today without a floating debt and with money in the bank.

After the allowance of all the outstanding obligations by the joint finance committee last night and the sinking fund appropriation, the city's balance was \$14,524.64. Yesterday Treasurer Walters received \$20,000, leaving approximately \$35,000 in the city treasury. During Mayor Smith's administration the deficit of \$44,000 has been wiped out. The policy of the general council, co-operating with the mayor, has benefited the city.

The finance committee last night allowed bills amounting to \$27,825.68, which included the items of printing, wharf allowances, city scales, market house expenses, stenographer, clock repairs, etc., \$445.34 and the license revenue, back tax commission, costs of suits, interest coupons, sinking fund appropriation, library and parks, \$7,159.13, while the mayor's orders for supplies for the various departments, the general city expenses, the greater part of the costs for the city hall addition and some part of the fire station expenses amounted to \$2,572.80, which, with an allowance of \$8,042.25, brings the total of the sum allowed to \$27,825.68.

Some of the extraordinary appropriations made during the year were: average household, \$30,000; new boilers and stacks for the electric light plant, \$4,000; two brick closets for the schools, \$2,500; a sexton's home at Oak Grove cemetery, \$1,000; hose for the fire department, \$4,000; city hall addition, \$10,000; floating debt, \$11,024.47; sinking fund, \$8,000.

Island Creek Bridge.
Two municipal projects, considered at the beginning of last year, probably will be pushed this year; they are the Island creek bridge, and the west end fire station, both badly needed.

A substantial, permanent bridge, probably of concrete, will be erected over Island creek from Broad street into Meyers street, Mechanicsburg. The present iron structure will then be placed over Cross creek at the west end of Broad street, and a road will be constructed to the Union station, so that people from Mechanicsburg and the south side may reach the Union station by going a few blocks, instead of coming down town a distance of more than a mile and back again. This will also give closer connection between the district back of the Illinois Central shops on the south side.

When the bridge is completed the Traction company is expected to extend its lines through Mechanicsburg. The company is now considering a proposal to bear part of the expense of the bridge.

The Fire Station.
A fire station is needed in the west end, and Chief Wood suggests a place in the vicinity of Fountain avenue and Broadway, for apparatus which may reach fire in that section quickly. The distance all the present companies would have to travel would give west end fire time to gain some headway, that a house might be practically a ruin before the firemen could reach the scene. The company would be a small one and the expense of maintenance would be nominal in comparison with the benefit it will prove in one fire. Mayor Smith is pledged to this measure, as he is to the Island creek bridge project.

Tenth Street Boulevard.
It is understood that some property owners on South Tenth street have approached some of the park commissioners about renewing the effort to make South Tenth street

February.
1. Mrs. Esther DeVaughn and child escaped from Home of the Friendless, where they were pending habeas corpus proceedings.

2. George W. Gordon filed suit in federal court against night riders; merchants filed suit to enforce city license law; licensees under 1909 license price of meat soared.

3. School children shifted to new congestion at buildings.

4. Soldiers left Eddyville.

5. Lee Walker killed at Paducah; a white, Red Christmas bells.

6. Festoons of red and white paper were attractively used about the rooms.

New City Officials Enter Upon Their Duties This Morning; Chief Police Singery Assumes Command



CAPT. JOHN J. DORIAN,
The New Night Chief of Police.

The entry of the new year brought a general shift around the city this morning. Henry Singery, the new chief of police, took charge, succeeding James Collins.

NEARLY HUNDRED RECRUITS HERE

SERGEANT BLAKE IS MAKING
OUT HIS ANNUAL REPORT
FOR STATION.

Sergeant C. A. Blake, at the local recruiting station, is preparing his annual report of applicants during the past year. During 1909 481 men applied and out of this number 95 were accepted for service in the United States army. Four months out of the year, March, April, May and June, no recruits were taken in here in compliance with an order from the government. During that time only old soldiers were taken in. The local office is in charge of Sergeants Blake and Joseph Kresky, who have been keeping up a good record for excellent material they have received for the army.

KELLNER ADMITS HE GOT LETTERS

KIDNAPERS DEMAND RANSOM
FOR RETURN OF LITTLE
LOUISVILLE GIRL.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 1.—Fred Kellner, father of the kidnapped girl, confirms the story that letters received appear to be genuine communications from the kidnapers. If the investigation shows they are genuine negotiations will begin. One letter from an Ohio town demands \$5,000 ransom.

The Weather

Washington, Jan. 1.— Sunday
rain or snow and cooler

Sun and Moon
Sun rose today 7:24 a. m.
Sun sets today 4:42 p. m.
Moon rises tonight 10:52 p. m.



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BILL TAFT SMILE MELTS AUSTERITY AT THE RECEPTION

Cold Diplomats Thawed Out
Under Influence of Its
Genial Radiance.

Plain Common People Car-
ried Away Its Warmth

THE NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION.

Washington, Jan. 1. (United Press).—The expansive Taft smile overflowed its usual boundaries today and embraced the world.

The occasion was the first annual New Year's reception of the new administration. The big broad Taft personality reached out and gathered to its kindly presence thousands—from the courtly members of the diplomatic corps to the plainest of the plain people.

It was "open house" at the presidential abode, with Citizen and Citizeness Taft as host and hostess.

Long before the white house doors were unlatched the crowds began to assemble in the president's front yard. It was a motley gathering that had come to wish "Big Bill" a happy New Year, and shake his hand in greeting. Young and old chatted in the line. Fur-lined overcoats rubbed elbows with garments that were shabby and thin. Venerable graybeards, young bloods, timid maids, and matrons of poise huddled together in a heterogeneous American multitude.

While the great American people were aligning themselves in a shabby column that filled the yard, the extended for blocks up Pennsylvania avenue, their high priced servant was doing his duty as the head of a great world power, greeting the representatives of the other world powers with words of cordiality and regard.

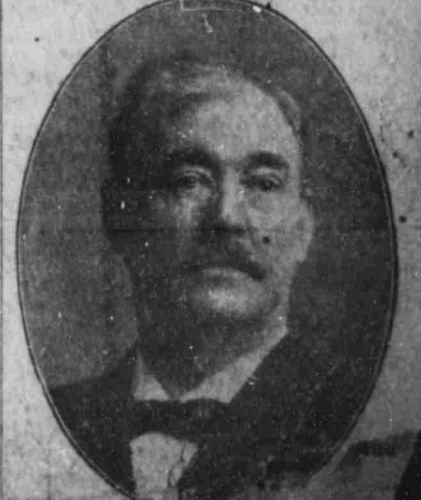
As the great hall clock in the white house boomed out eleven and four buglers stepped from the band and sounded the presidential fanfare, the Executive and Mrs. Taft left the family apartments on the second floor and started down the great main staircase. With the Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman and the cabinet members and their wives, they took up their position at the southern end of the blue room. The ladies stepped to the right and formed a part of the receiving line. Then began the brilliant, formal reception of the diplomatic corps, the "elite" of official life.

Only one thing that has characterized white house New Year's receptions in the past was lacking. That was the gathering of specially invited guests who in former administrations crowded the blue room. The sole permanent occupants of the room today were President Taft and his official family. Mrs. Taft's health has forced the curtailment of social festivities at the white house, and it was thought best to conserve her strength on this occasion by omitting the personal guests.

A gorgeous procession of diplomats, clad in brilliant panoply of the court costumes of their various nations, was the spectacle of the occasion. Led by the Italian ambassador, Baron Mayor des Planches, the dean of his length of service here in Washington, and followed by the entire body of accredited foreign representatives, ambassadors first, then ministers, and both arranged according to length of service—the newest ambassadors and ministers last in the procession of their rank—they entered from the south door of the mansion, and with great formality made their way to the host and hostess. With each ambassador went the members of his suite and their wives.

At the rear of the ambassadorial

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